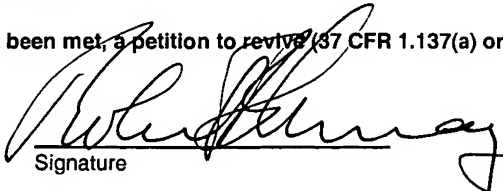


FORM PTO-1390		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 3306-103
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. Application No. (if known) 10/553,762
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/004097	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 24, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 21, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR JOINING KNITTED FABRICS			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Tomoaki NAKAYAMA			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>ITEMS 11. TO 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825 <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 			

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20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: IB/338, IB/373, ISA/237			
21. The following fees are submitted: <input type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee \$300.00		<u>CALCULATIONS</u> \$	<u>PTO USE ONLY</u>
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 All other situations \$200.00		\$	
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority \$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400.00 All other situations \$500.00		\$	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.		\$	
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).		\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate
Total Claims	3 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property		+	\$
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$	
		Amount to be refunded	\$
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-2135 in the amount of to cover the above filing fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer No. 06449</p> <p>Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck 1425 K St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 Phone: 202/783-6040</p> <p> Signature</p> <p><u>Robert B. Murray</u> Name</p> <p><u>22,980</u> Registration Number</p>		